

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 93-290-C - ORDER NO. 93-634 ✓
JULY 14, 1993

IN RE: Request of Southern Bell Telephone and)	ORDER
Telegraph Company for Revisions to its)	APPROVING
Access Service Tariff to Eliminate the)	TARIFF
Equal Access Cost Recovery (EACR) Rate)	REVISION
Element (TN 93-112).)	

On April 19, 1993, Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a request with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval of revisions to its Access Service Tariff. The purpose of this filing is to eliminate the Equal Access Cost Recovery (EACR) rate element and to increase the Local Switching rate elements (LS) by the ongoing expense level for EACR.

By letter dated April 21, 1993, the Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to publish a prepared Notice of Filing, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation, in the area affected by the Company's Application. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Company's Application and advised all interested parties of the manner and time in which to file appropriate pleadings. The Company submitted affidavits indicating that it had complied with the Executive Director's instructions. A Petition to Intervene was received from the

Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate).

Subsequently, the Consumer Advocate withdrew its intervention from this Docket. Southern Bell now requests waiver of a hearing and approval of its tariff. The Commission hereby grants waiver of the hearing, and for the reasons stated below, hereby approves the proposed revisions to its Access Service Tariff (TN 93-112).

According to the filing of the Company, BellSouth, for years, was engaged in an ongoing program of facility modifications, allowing the Company to provide all interexchange carriers and access users with access that was equal in type and quality to that provided to American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T). The equal access cost recovery rate is applied monthly on a per equal access line basis. The rate in South Carolina is \$.1110 with an annual impact of approximately \$1.65 million. Southern Bell filed its Application for tariff revision in order to eliminate the EACR rate element and to increase the LS rate elements by the ongoing expense level for the EACR of approximately \$100,000.

The Commission has examined this matter and believes that with ongoing changes in technology in the telephone industry, that it is reasonable to eliminate the EACR rate element and increase the LS rate elements by the ongoing expense level for the EACR. The Commission therefore believes that the Application of the Company should be granted as filed.

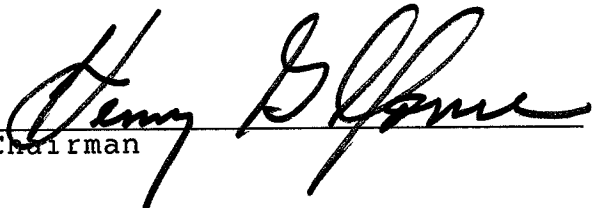
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The request for approval of revisions to Southern Bell's

Access Service Tariff to eliminate the Equal Access Cost Recovery rate element and increase the Local Switching rate elements is hereby granted as filed.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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